

# First Year Student Checklist.

## I got accepted! What should I do now?

- ☐ Do your research! **Read the Riddell Handbook** and explore the Riddell Faculty web site:  
<http://umanitoba.ca/environment>
- ☐ Send in your final transcripts and check your application status (if conditionally accepted).
- ☐ Log into your [Aurora Student](#) account with your Student ID and if logging into Aurora Student for the first time, enter your date of birth as your PIN (YYMMDD). Check your *Enrolment and Academic Records* tab for your registration date and familiarize yourself with Aurora Student.
- ☐ Browse through the [Academic Calendar & Catalog](#) and check out all the different degree options the Riddell Faculty has to offer.
- ☐ Register for your classes on Aurora. Direct entry students can register as early as July 13-19. Consider registering in an academic support program as well:  
**Supplemental Instruction** – Supplemental Instruction sessions are weekly review sessions that are available to students in historically difficult classes. These voluntary sessions offer students an opportunity to:
  - interact on an informal basis
  - ask questions about the course
  - compare notes
  - discuss course content
  - solve practice problems
  - and develop study strategiesFor more information, click [here](#).  
**Online Workshops are offered in:** Taking Notes, Reading Textbooks, Organizing Your Time Effectively, Writing Multiple Choice Tests, Writing an Academic Paper. For more information, click [here](#).
- ☐ Find out what textbooks you need for your courses in Aurora Student under *Enrolment and Academic Records* -> *Student Records* -> *View Booklists* and purchase them.
- ☐ Find a place to live (if you are not living at home). For information about on-campus housing, click [here](#).  
If you are interested in residence, make sure to apply early! You can also check the classified section of local newspapers to see ads for housing. Remember that in many cases, expenses such as phone, gas, and electricity are paid separately from rent expenses. Ask the landlord if you are not certain what services are included in the rental price. Check out the [Winnipeg Free Press](#) and [Winnipeg Sun](#)!

- ☐ If needed, apply for government student loans, grants and/or scholarships to assist you with tuition and other education costs. For eligibility requirements, deadlines or to apply online, visit <http://www.studentaid.gov.mb.ca>.
- ☐ Get connected at [Orientation](#) and be sure to attend the university-wide Orientation events on September 6, 2016.
- ☐ Get involved in campus life! Join a club, volunteer or participate in campus rec activities – there’s something for everyone. For more information on what’s available, visit [umanitoba.ca/student/studentlife](http://umanitoba.ca/student/studentlife).
- ☐ Opt out of the UMSU Student Health & Dental Plan (if you have alternative coverage). Visit the [Health and Dental Plan](#) website for more information.
- ☐ Confused about what to take in your first year? Come see a student advisor if you need help choosing courses or have questions about your degree requirements. Call (204) 474-7252 or email [riddell.faculty@umanitoba.ca](mailto:riddell.faculty@umanitoba.ca) to make an appointment, or simply visit the Riddell Dean’s Office at 440 Wallace to see an advisor!
- ☐ Get your Student ID Card.